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POLITICAL/ECONOMIC

3. Airport Construction Jidda-Riyadh

The SAG has awarded a \$35 million dollar contract to Airways Engineering Corporation, for the design of a new international airport at Jidda, and a new terminal building and related facilities at Riyadh. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: A U.S. Corps of Engineers recommendation, based on a review of the qualifications of the two final contenders for the contract, was accepted by MODA Prince Sultan thus ending an intense competition for this important contract. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL

Events in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic continued to be prominently featured in the news this week. The decisions of various Arab states to break relations with West Germany, the Arab rejection of Levi ESHKOL's peace feelers, and other aspects of the Arab-Israeli problem also received heavy play.

1. Vietnam

News from Saigon that the U.S. had resumed its air attacks on North Vietnamese targets after a respite of several days attracted headline attention in an-Nadwa May 19. Subsequent reports of U.S. and South Vietnamese raids on North Vietnam appeared in several papers. The press also carried photos and wire service reports of the chain-reaction bomb explosion at Bien Hoa Airbase on May 16. The only editorial comment appeared in al-Madina whose pseudonymous political commentator "Rasid" cited a recent conference of American college professors who criticized some aspects of our Vietnamese policy as indicative of the "unpopularity" of the Vietnamese war among the American people. Noting rumors that U.S. and Communist Chinese representatives had been or soon will be meeting in Warsaw for talks about a solution to the Vietnamese problem, "Rasid" suggested that one solution is to bring the Communist Viet Cong "like the Pathet Lao in Laos" into a neutralist coalition government whose neutrality would be guaranteed by the powers concerned. U.S. troops could then make a dignified withdrawal while a neutralized South Vietnam would remain outside the Communist orbit. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: "Rasid's" naivete about Communist intentions in Vietnam is only exceeded by his mis-information about the present position of the Pathet Lao in Laos. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Dominican Republic

International news service reports of events in the Dominican Republic and of the UN Security Council debates on the resolution calling for a cease fire in that strife-torn island received front-page attention during the week. There was no editorial comment on the topic. However, al-Jazirah, a Riyadh weekly of limited circulation, carried in its May 18 issue a strongly anti-U.S. article (presumably copied from the Cairo or Beirut press) accusing the U.S. of committing aggression against small nations and of violating the UN Charter by interfering in the Dominican Republic. Al-Madina on May 19 published an unattributed, presumably translated article which implied that Ambassador BENNETT acted in undue haste and with questionable political motives in asking Washington to land Marines in Santo Domingo. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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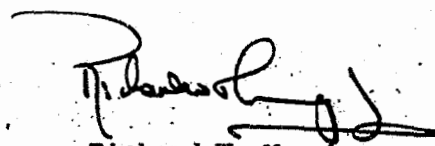
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